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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 17 and 18 (i.e. page 17, line 23 through page 18, line 11) of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with the present invention, a catalyst is required to form stable liquid, allophanate-modified, at least partially trimerized diphenyl-methane diisocyanates. Suitable catalysts to be used as component c) in accordance with the present invention are selected from the group consisting of (1) one or more trimer catalysts, (2) one or more allophanate catalysts, (3) an allophanate-trimer catalyst system and (4) mixtures thereof. Typically, depending on the specific catalyst(s) used, the present invention requires a combination of one or more trimer catalysts and one or more allophanate catalysts; or one or more trimer catalysts provided that at least one trimer catalyst is present which acts or functions to promote both trimer formation and allophanate formation (i.e., one or more allophanate-trimer catalysts; or an allophanate-trimer catalyst system). These are described below in more detail for convenience, although this detail is not intended to be limiting. Generally speaking, the quantity of catalysts used is such that there are from about 100 to about 500 ppm of trimer catalyst and/or trimer-allophanate catalyst present, and from about 24 to about 200 ppm of allophanate catalyst present. The weight of catalyst present is based on the total combined weight of components a)(1) and b).